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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
MIDOUX et al  
Serial No.: 297,519  
Filed: May 3, 1999  
For: NOVEL POLYMERIC...MEMBRANES

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AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the office action of July 31, 2001, please amend  
this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 45 (amended) A complex comprised of at least one  
negatively charged nucleic acid and at least one positively charged  
polymeric conjugate with the bond therebetween being electrostatic  
in nature,

the polymeric conjugate containing a polylysine formed from  
monomers having free  $\text{NH}_3^+$  groups,

at least 10% of free  $\text{NH}_3^+$  groups of the said polylysine are  
substituted by residues which can be protonated in a weakly acid  
medium causing destabilization of cell membranes,

and optionally at least one free  $\text{NH}_3^+$  group of the said  
polylysine is substituted by a molecule with a recognition signal  
recognized by a cell membrane receptor,

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